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Electronic Transfer of Tax Warrant Information Saves Elkhart County Taxpayers Time and Money

Elkhart County becomes the second Indiana county to successfully transfer tax warrant information electronically. The electronic transfer occurred between the Indiana Department of Revenue and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Elkhart County.

"Our goal is to assist other counties to come on line," stated State Revenue Commissioner Kenneth L. Miller. "This reduces costs for both local government and the State of Indiana."

Earlier this year, both the Marion County Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Marion County Sheriff completed a pilot project that brought the successful transmission of tax warrant data between those offices and the state. Since then, other counties have shown an interest in using the same procedures.

If the Department of Revenue is unsuccessful in collecting tax liabilities, tax warrants are filed in the county clerk's office, where it becomes public information. Once returned by the clerk's office, the tax warrant is then sent to the county sheriff who continues the collection process.

Starting in December 2002, approximately 812 warrants were filed with the Elkhart County Clerk's Office. With the new electronic transfer, it's estimated that this is a cost savings of at least 40 staff hours for the clerk's office alone.

"I want to thank the clerk's office for their cooperation over the last several months in achieving this goal," Miller said.

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